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Monthly Thoughts

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Illumination: I thank Thee, Father, that Thou hast revealed Thyself in me as infinite wisdom.

Prosperity: God's abundance is poured into my life, and everything I turn my hand to prospers.

Healing: God's perfect plan for wholeness and perfection is being fulfilled, and I am healed.

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Holy Spirit Healing

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THERE IS BUT ONE Source of being, God the Father. He is expressed in His Word (the Son) and made manifest in His personal representative, the Holy Spirit.

In metaphysics we approach the Trinity and more readily realize its meaning by comparing the words Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with mind, idea, and expression.

In every age where man has realized the perfection of the original essence of Being and has spoken forth that realization, the result has been a restoration of things to their inherent harmony and order through the activity of the Holy Spirit. Whoever realizes that God is the underlying, creative perfection and that man, the son, is His mouthpiece, has laid the foundation for performing miracles of healing through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the interpreter of the Word (the Son) and the Word is the thing interpreted. They are omnipresent and cannot be separated in spirit nor in works. The Holy Spirit is the only authority ever recognized by Jesus, and whoever attempts to set forth His gospel from any other standpoint is in the letter and not the spirit. No man can know what His doctrine is except he get it direct from this one and only custodian. It is not to come secondhand but each for himself must receive it from the Father in the name of the Son, Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is God's Word in action. To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to realize the activities of Spirit in individual consciousness. The quickening of man's soul by the Holy Spirit is peculiar to each individual and must be experienced to be understood.

When we discover in ourselves a flow of thought that seems to have been evolved independently of the reasoning process, we are often puzzled about its origin and its safety as a guide. Sometimes it seems like a distant voice, an echo of something that we have heard and forgotten. One should give attention to this unusual and usually faint whisper of Spirit in man. It is the development in man of a greater capacity to know himself and to understand the purpose of creation. The Bible gives many examples of the awakening of this brain of the heart, in seers, and in lawgivers, and in prophets. It is accredited as coming from the heart. It is well under such circumstances to go into the closet of prayer and to hold a thought for light and understanding. This will set up new thought currents in the mind and body and will make way for spiritual illumination.

The Holy Spirit is the executive power of both Father and Son carrying out the creative plan. It is the law of God in action. The Father is Principle. The Son (the Word or God's idea of man) is Principle revealed in a creative plan. The Holy Spirit speaks to every man, yes, searches, selects, reveals, reproves, testifies, leads, comforts, distributes to every man ("searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God").

Go into the silence and realize God omnipresent. Know that the light of God-Mind is flowing into your mind and that you are entering into a broader, deeper realization of the Father and your relation to Him. Next declare that you are the Son, the living Word of God, and that God's Word is now being quickened in your consciousness, and flooding your whole being with light. Affirm:

"The light of the Holy Spirit shines in my consciousness, and I see clearly."

The Holy Spirit comes only to those who earnestly seek it. It is prayer, realization in the upper room (state of high spiritual aspiration), that brings the Word of God into action, out of which illuminating, healing, prospering power is poured into mind and body.

The Holy Spirit is the only authority ever recognized by Jesus, and whoever attempts to set forth the gospel from any other standpoint is in the letter and not in the Spirit.

The healing statement that follows is recommended particularly to those who have depended on temporal remedies or persons for their healing. It will amplify and energize the healing idea to the

point of omnipotence because it recognizes all the healing potencies that faith has made substantial in the past and brings them all to a focal center in wholeness.

Realizing that you are in the presence of God, affirm:

"The Holy Spirit life heals me, and I radiate health to everybody and everything."

Prosperity is the consciousness of God as the abundant, everywhere present resource, unfailing, ready for everybody when they open themselves to it through faith. It is a state of consciousness that knows God as the absolute source of all good, as inexhaustible support and supply. "They that seek Jehovah shall not want any good thing."

Realizing that you are functioning in God-Mind, affirm:

"The Holy Spirit substance prospers me, and abundance is everywhere manifest."

Each must handle his own thoughts and overcome them by aligning them with the harmony and order of divine thought. There is an infinite omnipresent wisdom within us that will deal with these thoughts and guide us in making the discrimination between the right and the wrong when we trust ourselves fully to its intelligence.

In the silence of your own inner chamber you can do a mighty work of power by daily denying belief in all error and affirming Truth.

Clear thou me of hidden faults.—PSALMS

"But One Thing Is Needful"

L. STEVENS HATFIELD

Neither shall they say, Lo, here! or,
There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you.

ONE OF THE MOST important sayings that Jesus left to us is about the location of the kingdom of God.

"And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo, here! or There! for lo, the kingdom of God is within you."

Were all persons everywhere to realize the truth of Jesus' words, they would find themselves in heaven—the realm of divine harmony—here and now! If you would realize the presence of God within you, nothing in all the world could hold you in bondage. Freedom in its truest Christlike sense would be yours!

Have you wondered how others are healed so readily when your own healing may be slow in coming to you? It could be that they have learned to keep out of their minds all belief in disease and identified themselves so closely with the healing presence and power of the Christ within themselves that they have found health. Indeed, they have proved that "greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."

The Spirit of Christ within you is ever inspiring

you to be renewed in its likeness. It is urging you to give up every old, cumbersome, and outworn belief and accept new, youthful, and energetic ideas. It is prompting you to be receptive to thoughts that will renew you in body, mind, and spirit. It is urging you to look upon each new day as opportunity for taking a new hold on life. It is urging you to live life now, to think of the past with its limitations as gone forever, to live in the present moment and take from it every blessing it has to offer you.

The Christ within you is the heavenly manna that feeds your hungry being. The Christ is the living bread, the crystal water that freely bids you to eat and to drink. Paul bids you know that "in him ye are made full."

Think often of yourself as united with the Christ in the midst of you. If you have moments of indecision when you are not sure which road to take, turn to the Spirit of Christ within you, rely on the promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive"; go the way that Spirit dictates, and you will go the way of bountiful blessings.

Quietness is characteristic of the presence of the Christ within you. The Psalmist admonishes you to "be still, and know that I am God."

Keep your thoughts fixed upon God and you will have no difficulty in sensing His presence of quietness within. Learn to look on these times of quietness as times when you actually commune with His Spirit in the midst of you, as times when you recharge yourself with His power, presence, love, and wisdom.

Jesus became so conscious of the presence of the Spirit of God within Him that He became known as the Christ. He shares His Christhood with all who can grasp it, with all who can rise to His Christ consciousness. He is not a Christ apart from us but the Christ within us, at the very heart of our being.

The presence of Spirit within you is the very presence of good. When you think of the Spirit of God as all good you cannot believe in evil, sin, disease, or lack. When you know that God is all in all you cannot believe that there is something else beside Him or unlike Him.

You have within you power and dominion over every situation in your world. If you are inclined to think of yourself as powerless to act in some situation, turn your thought to the presence of Spirit within you and realize that you are identified with its power. Know that this is the power that makes you wise, joyful, loving, healthy, and prosperous.

"Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

The blessings of heaven are poured out upon you when you become receptive to them. Do you crave some blessing—peace, joy, health, or prosperity? Then clear from your mind every negative thought that would prevent your enjoying this gift. Rise above any mental argument that this blessing is being withheld from you. Know that the health and harmony of your body and affairs are but the outward expression of your thinking. Forget the thing that is troubling you and do a little mental house cleaning. After you have your mind "swept, and gar-

nished" fill it with new, fresh, vital, lovely thoughts that picture the beauty and perfection of God. As Jeremiah wisely counseled in The Lamentations, "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah."

Beware of any thought that would separate you from God, from life, or from God's creations. Remember that you are one with God, one with all that He represents and is, one with His life and love. Remember that you have power to do mighty works, even such works as Jesus did; He promised, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do."

Do you have a secret belief that some person can do you harm? Do you find yourself thinking that the conditions of the outer world are against you? Do you think that there is some power other than the omnipotence of God, some presence other than His omnipresence? If so, you are doing yourself a mighty wrong. Stop right where you are and begin to reverse your thoughts. Know that dominion and power are given you through the activity of the Christ within. Know that nothing in the world of manifestation, the world about you, can have power over the Christ within you, the source of your illumination, inspiration, and revelation.

Any overcoming can be made and any needed adjustment brought about quickly and in perfect order when you affirm that the Christ is the breath of all inspiration, the perfect manifestation of all understanding and love.

Whatever you accept in your mind and heart becomes the standard by which you think and see and

live. If deep within you abides an awareness of God's loveliness and beauty throughout all creation, there will be for you on a dark and dismal day the same peace and inspiration that you feel on the most radiant day of spring.

No darkness, ignorance, or doubt can withstand the clear shining of the Christ light within you.

Unity with God comes by freeing our minds of all that is unlike Him and realizing that through the Spirit of Christ in us we cannot be separated from Him even for one moment. He is within us at all times. The beauty of a flower, the purity of the autumn air, the singing of the birds, and the glory of the harvest all proclaim the unity of God with His manifest world. These things establish in us the realization of our oneness with Him and His manifest creation.

Search within yourself for the Christ presence of quietness and let Him govern your entire being. Subject every thought, word, and feeling to His kindly mastery. Do not be discouraged if you do not realize your Christ freedom at once. Be persistent. Be steadfast. Commune often with your Lord and you will win the victory.

"He that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the nations."

"God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one." He is mighty to strengthen you, mighty to heal you, mighty to bless you in whatever you need. The more you meditate upon this truth, the more you affirm it and believe it, the more you will build it into every fiber of your being.

"Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy . . . he will joy over thee with singing."

Are you letting fears cloud your world and stifle your innate ability? Have problems and complexities arisen in your life to baffle or dishearten you? Do world conditions cause you anxiety or worry? Turn your thoughts from the outer world to the peace and quiet of your own being. God in the midst of you will imbue you with strength and courage so that you may fearlessly and joyously face any condition or situation. He promises: "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage."

The Spirit of Christ in you is the Spirit of life and strength. The work this Spirit would do through you is a limitless work; every demand made upon you can be easily and instantly met by calling upon the power of the Christ Spirit within you.

Many persons, although willing to admit that man was divinely created, have not perceived that he is still in contact with the Source of his life. They shut off the outpouring from the fountain of life because they limit their consciousness of life. To limit the idea of life is to limit God's expression of life within.

If you want success in your work, prosperity in your affairs, health in your body, or harmony in your human relations, declare your faith in the Christ within. You may then rest in the assurance that your declaration opens the way for the fulfillment of your righteous desires.

"For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus."

The next time a thought arises within you to criticize, to hate, to condemn, to find fault, to get disturbed, or to use unkind, bitter words, stop for a moment to realize that you are not only creating chaos within yourself and your environment but also contributing to the disorder of worldly conditions. You will see how expedient it is to subdue the enemy without and fill the ranks of your thoughts, your Christ Mind, with mighty forces of love, praise, generosity, peace, and kindliness.

Jesus made conscious union with the Christ in Himself. He tried continually to get all whom He met to cultivate this divine spark within themselves. This Spirit within Himself and others He called the Father, thereby linking all men as brothers. His whole teaching revolved around the power of the indwelling Spirit. He tried to make His followers understand that "Christ shall be magnified in my body."

Do you have a definite aim in life, a goal you desire to reach, a dream you long to see fulfilled that seems impossible of accomplishment? Will you believe that it is only your negative thoughts that are holding you back? Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power." And you ask eagerly, "When?"

When you recognize the Christ within you and unite your faith, your love, your understanding, your courage in a common purpose you will succeed, for the Christ within you is the source of your wisdom, your strength, your power to succeed.

Are you downcast and discouraged? Try doing a good turn for someone—someone who needs help, courage, cheer, or love. You will be surprised at the

joy it brings to your heart. You may never know the spiritual uplift it gives to the struggling one in need of help—but the Christ within you will know. The Father will commend you for the good you do "unto one of . . . these least" by showering His blessings on you—most likely in the guise of the thing you desire for your own peace and comfort.

Turn confidently to the divine presence within your own being. Be still and know that His wisdom is your wisdom, His love is your love, His joy is your joy. He is with you, strengthening you to seek and to find the rich blessings He has prepared for you. Abiding in His presence, you abide in His kingdom of good, for His promise is, "I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee."

Jesus taught that all which is good for man must evolve from his spiritual consciousness. If, therefore, your outer life seems to be in confusion, it indicates that you have not yet located heaven. Finding God, finding heaven—divine harmony—is but finding your real self. You can find heaven and your real self only when you turn within and abide in His kingdom of righteousness, for Jesus said:

"Seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

And then He told us where we are to seek:

"Lo, the kingdom of God is within you."

"The glory which thou hast given me I have given unto them."

So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.—HEBREWS

Growth

FLORENCE MILLER

WHEN WE WERE small children we believed in Santa Claus. Every Christmas Santa came to our houses while we were asleep and usually left us the presents we had said we wanted most. It was a joyous thing—our belief in Santa Claus—and we would not have missed it; nor would we deny it to any child.

As we grew older and reached high school, we felt we had finally arrived at great learning, indeed. Confident in the attainment of so much knowledge, we thought that now we knew all the answers, and it was a glorious feeling, as happy and blissful as youth itself.

Somewhat later, life began teaching us some of the sterner lessons, and we wondered about the causes of things and searched for reasonable answers. We rejected former things that had proved false or insufficient and cast about for better and more satisfactory ones.

This questioning of previously held beliefs is the natural result of growth in man; it is the quickening of the mind toward expanding ideas, a searching for real and more valued truths.

Gradually, our old beliefs became as memories. Looking back, however, we remember there were certain things that we accepted as matter of fact at the time, things that we knew were true. They were the things that sustained us then, and still do.

As children we always knew that our fathers and mothers loved us. We knew that whatever we did, even to deserving and receiving their punishment for our errant ways, they would always forgive us, because they loved us. We knew and felt this security within us. We never questioned it, and it has never changed.

From our former beliefs have emerged a few known truths. Life has taught us many lessons since the time when we thought we had all the answers. Just as our early belief in Santa Claus was soon replaced by a larger concept of the giving and receiving of gifts of love, so we also learned that intellectual knowledge must be blended with experience and tempered with understanding before it can really be useful.

Although in each case we suffered the loss of a beautiful illusion, we profited by the very process of change and growth. Truth is unfolded through the exchange of old beliefs for new and better ones. Life itself is a constant learning process, and our growth, which includes the physical body, our mental concepts, and our spiritual development, implies this element of change.

Just as we accepted the fact as children that we were loved by our parents, so have we always known that we are the beloved of God. This knowledge has ever been a source of strength and security within us. Our weakness lies in our inability to express our love for God in return. Paul said, "The good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I practise."

We know, too, that all things are governed by a

universal law of cause and effect. We see this great impersonal law manifesting itself throughout the starry universe as perfect law and order. We realize that our lives also may be orderly and harmonious as we comply with God's law of love for His creation, for man, too, has the inherent power to create and to shape his own life toward his ideal. Thus, by choice is man freed from unworthy desires and led toward further growth and final liberation.

Another thing that we know as Truth is this freedom from all things as they seem to be. We have the power to transcend the illusions of life by seeing them in proper relationship to the concepts of Truth. There is no limit to what the mind may know—we are ever striving to find reality. It is as we grow and expand in our every experience that we finally free ourselves from ignorance and error and come to know the true peace and happiness we seek.

This truer perspective again becomes added opportunity for man's growth. As we free our brother from our criticism and judgment and see him as he really is, we overcome that quality of intolerance within ourselves which limits our growth toward greater freedom. Jesus told His apostles that they should love one another since all men are brothers. There is but one step beyond this, which is to realize that each is one with and part of all other things. This ultimate realization is that "ye *are* one another."

Knowing these things—the love of God manifesting itself as all that is good and harmonious in our lives, the order and justice of the universe about us, the ultimate freedom from illusion, and the reali-

zation of our unity with all things—we are destined to grow out of our limited beliefs of the past. Through faith in our own inner strength, through courage and perseverance, we shall move continually onward toward an ever-greater knowing that is ours to attain.

This movement from belief to knowing is growth, the natural result of the impelling, guiding force within man that constantly moves him toward a more perfect life.

We may say, therefore, that growth is man's essential movement toward his own self-fulfillment.

A Mother's Prayer

Ruth Tubia

On this Mother's Day and every day let me remember my responsibilities rather than my privileges as a mother—

Let me be wise enough to love my children without possessing them;

Let me be wise enough to earn their respect—not demand it;

Let me be as understanding and patient with their mistakes as I am with my own;

Above all, let me remember that these children of God have been graciously loaned to me so that together we may find the Christ in one another.

Let me be thankful every moment of every day for this responsibility—a chance to serve others and to grow.

"By Thy Words"

ESTHER FRESHMAN

MAN HAS LIVED through the Stone Age, the Bronze Age, and the Coal Age. The time in which he is now living might well be called the "Age of Words." Never in the history of mankind has the means of communication been so rapid. The mediums of communication are, indeed, excellent, but often that which is communicated must be questioned.

We can talk with one another so easily. We pick up the telephone, and our friends are in the same room. We turn on the radio and may listen to someone talk or sing from across the sea. We turn on the television set and may see the man who speaks the word.

As a man drives along, he may listen to his car radio. Now some automobiles are equipped with telephonic systems, and a good many trains have telephones for their passengers to use. Ships at sea and planes in the air have ways of communication. Potentially, every man may speak to another no matter how far away he may be. And so, too, every man may hear another. The air is teeming with words.

What do we say? To what do we listen? Better yet, to whom do we listen?

A great deal is said in the Bible about words and their importance—as used by men for other men. Communication began with God, and when God made man He created by the power of words.

He equipped man with the ability to speak to Him, and He arranged adequate facilities whereby man might listen to Him. Men have used the divine system at least in one direction. Often they call upon Him—some with faith, but many without any faith whatsoever. The listening part, however, is not widely employed, even by those who profess to know and to use prayer.

By the use of the listening factor we may be guided in the words we speak to our fellow men. Then our initial communication is with God; and since God is love, our words are blessed by His divine love before they go on their special missions.

The power of the word can be traced from the beginning of time. We may read about this in the first verses of Genesis, where the word plays its important role in the creation of the earth:

> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. . . .
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> And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters . . .
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> And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place . . . And God said, Let the earth put forth grass . . .
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> And God said, Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, cattle, and creeping things . . . And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . . And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.

The Proverbs give us succinct advice about the vital significance of words, both sent forth and received:

"Pleasant words are *as* a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."
And,
"A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth;
And a word in due season, how good is it!"
And again,
"Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop,
But a good word maketh it glad."

All of us have access to the treasure that could make us wealthy in good words. They come directly from our Father, and it is our privilege to bestow them upon others and thereby increase good in the world. Such is our assignment in the commandment of love—"love thy neighbor." Love is a word of action, of doing, of performance—the good word propels this accomplishment!

We rather glibly ask the important question, "Have you done your good deed for today?" when the world cries out for more and more good deeds. But it is even more vital that we have said a kind word today so that another may be encouraged to his deed of goodness and the flow of divine love may continue at the pace set for it to bless and promote all of man's worthy accomplishments.

The word that bespeaks faith in another often changes the entire course of a life and has influence to such an extent that it cannot be measured. I remember one of my favorite friends, one of the finest humanitarians I know, saying to those he would especially help, "But you *can*—of course, you can!" And I have known countless examples whereby persons would attain particular desires or accomplishments because this man held so stanch a belief in

their abilities to do so. He would say his words of encouragement with such emphasis, such affirmative strength, and with so much desire for the other to achieve that the person concerned was energized by the warmth of his affection and urgency. He would go forth determined to please his supporter by doing what he believed was a certainty. Many an individual has achieved his success because of another's unwavering faith in his ability. Surely the expression of such faith is, through the power of the word, to create a brotherhood in which all believe in the commandment of neighborly love.

Words have been known to create wars, to tear down characters, to defeat purposes that were intended for good. But these words have not known the soil of God's love and compassion. We must always remember that within divine law man has freedom of choice as to what he will use, as to which direction he will take. And we must always remember, too, that God's law goes toward its good and that nothing can defeat its direction. God's law is unchanging in its inexorable action, in its divine destination.

We all know the persuasive power of words. They are used not only to sell products but to convince persons to adopt certain ideals. We suffer today from some of this influence. There are many of us who sincerely believe, however, that it will be the persuasive power of the divine word that will save the world and its people. We have the noble franchise of being able to uncover and nourish joy and happiness, beauty and courage, faith—all the wonderful attributes of goodness of God. The word of

praise, the word of confidence, the word of encouragement, the gentle expression of love, of neighborly kindness and friendliness—all have the power to reshape and redirect.

Words have a quality of aliveness—they carry with them some of the living, vital soil from which they spring. We bring God into our world with divinely inspired words. We impel actions of good through words we hear in our communion time with Him. Words from the God-filled man bring with them the divine qualities that spread their goodness rapidly and compel action of significance and benefit.

Jesus taught by the spoken word. And the world today goes forward on the words that He left us—words so powerful that they have kept us to the direction of divine law through every trial conceivable for two thousand years. His words of divine compassion, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," have made compassion a throbbing entity that graces mankind forever. Not only did He speak the word of love, but He was and is the word of love and makes the quality of love the foundation that supports the entire world.

We know that most of His words are healing, comforting, counseling. Never did He waste words. He drew pictures with them so that there could be no misunderstanding about His meaning. He made beauty with them and gave hope and salvation through them. "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Through supreme compassion Jesus forgave those

who had done wrong, as He did when He said to an adultress, "Go . . . sin no more." He was, however, firm and unrelenting in His warning about the careless use of words. One of these sterner admonishments of Jesus is recorded in the 12th chapter of Matthew:

> Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

A word can spread doubt, mistrust, and hatred like wildfire; another word can raise one from the depths to the heights. A word can blaze a whole new and glorious trail, or it can confuse and bewilder and cause man to be desperately lost.

Today words go rampant in our universe. What do we hear? What do we say? Do our words bring forth the good things? Can we pronounce all that our words create as good? Do our words come from our abundance or from that which is of the discard, useless, and poor?

The warmth that is extended in the encouraging word warms both the giver and the receiver. The loving word is an all-around embrace. Goodness encircles the one who generates it and the one who shall receive it. And the unpleasant expression, the ugly word, the derogatory remark—they leave their qualities in a penetrating aroma within the confines of the one who gives them utterance.

The first words recorded created our universe, and God pronounced it good. It is the word of man in agreement that is needed now. It is the word of man that propels good deeds. It is the word of man producing the embodiment of love of which Jesus spoke, upon which He said, "The whole law hangeth, and the prophets."

There are many words about today, but the most important has not been said clearly so that all men understand. The greatest way of communication was invented long ago, not by man, but by our Father. "Out of the abundance of the heart" must come that which may adequately supply the need of another's heart. Yes, indeed, as it so aptly says in The Proverbs:

"A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth;
And a word in due season, how good is it!"

CONFIDENCE

Clarence Edwin Flynn

We dwell in divine dominion,
With faith that believes and sings.
Hope travels on upward pinion;
Love dwells at the heart of things.

Unbounded is life's fair treasure,
And no human ever knew
A hope too lovely to treasure,
Or a dream too good to come true.

Your Personal Responsibility

LESLIE E. DUNKIN

YOU LIVE IN A personal world in which the individual person is the center. You are such a person. The world was created as a place for individuals to live. Every development has been directly or indirectly for you and all other persons. The family is a group of persons brought together. A nation is a large number of families of related persons grouped together. Any organization within a nation is a select group of persons living or striving toward a common goal. Through all this is the individual person.

Of all created or developed objects, living or lifeless, the human being is the only one created in the image of, or after the pattern of, the Creator.

Jesus emphasized the importance of the individual person when He declared, "Ye are the salt of the earth" and "Ye are the light of the world." Most of His recorded teachings and sermons were directed to individuals. The Sermon on the Mount was presented to a group of His individual followers. Nicodemus, the woman of Samaria, and a few other persons were the first to hear many of His helpful messages.

Your importance as an individual implies responsibility. However, an analysis of what responsibility is make it more understandable for you. Responsibility is a "response of ability." You are to respond with your own ability.

Here again, the emphasis is placed on you and yours. You are not expected to respond with the ability of some other person. That is his. Nor is he to respond with your ability. It is yours. You are not to make the mistake that the shepherd boy David almost made when he faced the giant Goliath. At first, he tried on the heavy armor of King Saul, but it was foreign to him. Success was his when he responded with his own ability—his skill with a sling and five stones. But Saul would have failed had he gone forth with David's little sling; Saul's ability or skill was different from David's.

Are you aware of all your abilities? How well educated are you? *Educate* is from the Latin word *educere,* meaning "to draw out." True education for you is the drawing out of the abilities within you. The Bible reminds you that you were created in the image of God. Part of your education is to bring out this created image of God.

It is safe to say that the majority of people have discovered and developed only a small percentage of their abilities. When you see a person who seems to have more abilities than you have, remind yourself that this person has merely developed more of his abilities than you have of yours.

"God is spirit." You know that His Spirit is everywhere, without restrictions or limitations. "God is love." His powerful Spirit of love is all about you, waiting for you to use it. Love, the greatest strength or force anywhere, is an important part of your personal inventory of available abilities.

All the qualities that you may think of as being possessed of God are yours, for they are within your

reach. If you need patience, the Spirit of patience is awaiting you. If you need persistence, it is there for your personal use. Whatever you may need, God's Spirit is in and about you as part of your available abilities.

When you are faced with something to be done accept it as your personal responsibility. Its presence means that you have the innate ability for it. Before you declare that you do not have the necessary materials to do it, put all your available abilities to work, and you will find that even these materials are within your reach.

The immediate possession of one ability and the presence of others are meaningless and useless for you, if you do not respond to them or use them. Avoid the mistake of losing what you now have through failure to use it. The muscle in your arm will shrink if you neglect to use it.

Before you complain that you do not see many abilities around you waiting to be used, make sure that you are using to the fullest those you can see clearly now. Your vision will have a way of becoming stronger to see a greater distance and also to see more completely what is near at hand for you. Respond continually and fully with *all* your abilities!

Praise ye Jehovah . . .
He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds. . . .
His understanding is infinite. . . .
Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving.
—PSALMS

Stewardship

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IN ONE OF HIS LETTERS to the Christians in Asia Minor Peter speaks of that "manifold grace of God" to which every man owes his existence. "As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

God's grace is His free gift of Himself to man. In making man in His own image and likeness He imbued him with His own spirit. He brought him forth out of His own living, loving, wise, all-power mind. He made him a living soul and keeps him eternally united with His creator through the spirit He has given him. When man grasps the truth of his spiritual origin he begins to understand the purpose of his existence, which is to make manifest the invisible glory at the center of his being. He begins to realize that God created him because He needs man in His plan of creation.

We all know that man needs God, but it is also true that God needs man. Emerson voiced this truth when he said, "We lie in the lap of immense intelligence, which makes us receivers of its truth and organs of its activity." God made us for His own purpose, fashioned the instrument that we call our body, and guides its actions through the soul. The soul receptive to God's guidance uses the body as God's instrument of service, knowing as Emerson

said, "God has need of such a one as I."

God's need of us is well expressed in a humorous little story that tells of Uncle Ben Jones who bought himself a badly run-down farm. He worked for several years and finally had a means of support for himself and his family. One Sunday the parson called on Uncle Ben and was much impressed by his fine vegetable garden. He said, "Looks like you and the Lord are surely in partnership on these vegetables." Uncle Ben pointed to his wheat field and the preacher said, "Looks more than ever like you and the Lord are partners." Wherever Uncle Ben pointed out that he had transformed barren land into fertile acres the preacher kept repeating "Praise the Lord!" Finally as the preacher was leaving the farmer spoke up and said, "Reverend, I agrees with all you say about me and the Lord being in partnership. But, Reverend, I just wish you could have seen this place when the Lord was running it by Himself!"

Yes, God needs us, and we need one another. Because of His Spirit in us we are all parts of a great heavenly family and cannot live to ourselves alone. It is His indivisible Spirit in us that recognizes itself in others and constantly urges us toward co-operation with one another for our mutual good. We are truly stewards of "the manifold grace of God," as Peter said, and it is our business in life to minister the same wisely.

In His parables Jesus often spoke of stewardship. He spoke of stewards who were just and of stewards who were unjust; of stewards who administered wisely and of stewards who administered unwisely the wealth and authority intrusted to them. In these

parables God is always the master of the house of life and we are the stewards.

We are the stewards of God's precious gift of life itself. We are literally living God's life for Him here on earth. How would He have us live it? Surely He would have us healthy and strong and temperate in all ways and filled with joyous zeal in right action. He would have us remember that our body is truly His temple, as Paul told us, and is to be kept undefiled by impure thoughts and immoral actions. A temple is a place of worship. Where else can we worship God save within ourselves? Whether we are in a great cathedral or at home or in a place of business, the only place of worship is within ourselves. Within a cathedral we can be thinking of worldly things, and even though our lips are singing hymns and murmuring prayers we are not worshiping; our temple is cluttered up with "money-changers." On the other hand, in the direst of circumstances we can feel the assurance "Fear not; for I am with thee"; we can waft the incense of praise and thankfulness, and lo, we are worshiping in our temple! We are better custodians of God's precious gift of life when we remember that it is pure and holy of nature and that it makes of our body a living temple.

We not only hold a stewardship of God's life but also of His love. It is through us that God radiates His love to all mankind. To be faithful stewards in administering this gift we must make it the law of our life and so let it govern all our relations with one another. Jesus' whole life was a beautiful example of using God's gift of love in the

service of His fellow men. He showed us that we must learn to release more love into our daily life by endeavoring to do unto others as we would that they do unto us. He showed us that forgiving is one of the essentials of love, that when compassion replaces condemnation we become wise stewards of this most precious gift.

God's wisdom and power are also ours to use. When we make our thoughts and feelings willing servants of His supreme intelligence we are guided in ways of right thought and action. We learn to speak God's word of good and so create our good and help others to create their good. We learn to use the unlimited power with which He has endowed us to lift intelligently and not to oppress.

Our stewardship takes still another form, the dispensing of God's bounty wisely and well. Since God is the source of all supply all that we have must come from God. It may come through many different channels and take many different forms, but in the last analysis it is always God's limitless bounty delivered into our life in such a way as to provide for our earthly needs. Our first thought should always be to share God's bounty with Him and with our fellow men. When we see clearly that God's is the ownership and ours is the stewardship we have no hesitation in giving at least a tithe of our worldly wealth to the support of God's work; of those spiritual causes which help men to follow the way of Truth and life revealed by Jesus Christ. We see with equal clarity that a goodly portion of God's bounty should be used in helping those who have not yet learned to look to Him for their "daily bread."

It is through prayerful meditation on God and His goodness and on our relationship to Him that we come to realize the stupendous truth that God needs us as His instruments here on earth in order to bring order out of the chaos and confusion produced by man's own blindness, ignorance, and willfullness. We are His instruments of action for bringing forth a better world.

The first thing required of us is a prayerful heart so that we may know God's will for man and have the faith to stand firmly upon it as we use with strength and courage the authority He has given us. However prayer is but the prelude to action; prayer must be carried to completion in action. Too many of us pray in a wishful-thinking frame of mind and then do nothing more about it. Just as faith without works is dead, so prayer without the follow-through action is dead also; it is unfinished business. It is not God's way because there is no unfinished business in God's way of doing things.

We may not always know just what is required of us when we pray in any given situation, but if we follow through with faith in the desired good our part in the realm of action will be revealed to us in due season. We know how prayerful Jesus was, and we know that He always had the strength and courage to act upon what He believed to be right. The way He handled the money-changers in the Temple is an excellent illustration of action as the follow-through of a prayerful attitude of mind. Jesus was keenly aware of the presence of God everywhere, and knew He was not confined to any place of worship. Nevertheless when a place was set apart for

the worship of God He knew that only those things which were becoming to God's presence were permissible in that place. Through prayer Jesus gathered strength and courage to commit a daring act. He entered the greatest place of worship of His times and, one man against a mighty priesthood and a civil law that backed it up, He drove the money-changers out of the Temple! He was a prayerful man and in the realm of action He acted fearlessly on what He knew to be right. Like Jesus, we develop our ideals through prayer, and when it comes to the question of defending them we must be ready to do it courageously even as He did. It is in this way that we prove ourselves faithful stewards of that authority with which He has vested us.

Paul says that those who are true followers of Jesus Christ are stewards of the mysteries of God. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." If we would be faithful in sharing with others our understanding of the mysteries of God we must first be faithful in seeking God's presence in prayer so that we may see more clearly what He would have us do in the way of thought and word and action in using His glorious gifts.

In everyone of us there is a spiritual workshop, so to speak, in which the spirit God has given us is ever ready to help us to equip ourselves with the right tools of thought so that we may think, speak, and act in accordance with His good will. We should enter this spiritual workshop daily. Jesus calls it entering into the closet and shutting the door and asking of the Father "which is in secret." He assures us that the Father who sees in secret will reward us

openly. It is strange that some of us find it so difficult to take the time to enter our spiritual workshop even for a few minutes out of the busy day. If we knew that every time we spent a half hour in prayerful meditation and silence we should receive a beautiful pearl we would have 365 pearls at the end of a year! Yet we refuse to spend the time needed for acquiring the "pearl of great price," spiritual understanding. When we do take time out for a quiet period of meditation on God and His goodness we banish gloom and fear and doubt and make hope and strength and courage our dear companions on the path of service.

A beautiful story of service comes out of Africa. A missionary, dearly loved by the tribesmen in a certain region, had his headquarters in a small native village. He became dangerously ill, and runners were sent to the nearest white settlement for medical aid. While the doctor was examining the patient the headman of the village waited patiently outside for the verdict. The doctor held out but little hope; he tried to explain about blood transfusions; he said that a transfusion was the only hope. The native chief listened intently and then left without a word. The doctor, feeling much discouraged, went back into the simple hut where the missionary lay. He felt that there was little hope for getting the needed plasma from these superstitious, ignorant, and fearful natives. In a very short time he heard the sound of low voices outside the hut. Stepping to the door he saw the chief with all the villagers standing behind him. Every man, woman and child, down to the youngest baby in arms was there. Speaking for them

all the chief said simply, "Doctor, we are all here."

Yes, they were all there. Love had conquered fear, and they were all there, ready at the call to service to give their own lifeblood if necessary.

The whole race is in need of a transfusion of the spiritual life force. It can only be given through the minds of those who recognize within themselves "the manifold grace of God." Many of us all over the world today have at last become aware of the spiritual authority God has vested in man. We stand ready to use "all power . . . in heaven and in earth" as the Great Physician would have us use it in healing the ills of the world. With true humility but quiet confidence we stand together saying, "Father, we are all here!"

MORNING

Irene Stanley

Open the window; let in the sun!
Let in the morning; day has begun!
Here at the height of it, warm to the sight of it
Move in the light of it,
Wakening one!
Come from your dreaming, in darkness and shade,
Into a radiance never to fade!
Here at the start of it, close to the heart of it,
Know yourself part of it,
All He has made!

"Be Still, and Know That I Am God"

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THESE WORDS appear in the 10th verse of the 46th Psalm, which sets forth so ringingly the glory, power, and love of God. This psalm begins:

"God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not fear."

"Be still, and know." Many times I have repeated these words to myself, and they have quieted upset emotions, fear, or apprehension. There is magic in them—the magic of quiet, calm lakes; of snow-capped mountains; of glorious sunrises and sunsets; of the starry heavens on a clear night; the peace of God on all. They sink into the heart and quiet its tensions and fears. They comfort and sustain.

"Be still, and know." Have you just been disappointed in something you had set your heart on? Be still and know the presence and power of God. Maybe this particular thing would not have turned out to be a blessing at all. At one time in my life I ardently desired a house in a certain locality. Soon after being disappointed in the fulfillment of this dream, everything in that vicinity was torn up to make room for a parkway. A friend of mine was once almost ill with disappointment over losing the friendship of a man she thought she loved deeply and wished to marry. Subsequent events proved how fortunate she was not to marry him. Later, she mar-

ried another man and is now a happy wife and mother.

"Be still, and know." Are you fearful for the well-being of a loved one? Know that if the presence of God permeates and surrounds you (and in your heart you know it does) then this same infinite, all-pervading Spirit of good also permeates and surrounds your loved one. This Spirit is the presence of love, wisdom, good judgment, right decision, wholesome appetites and desires, kindness, and understanding flowing through and being expressed by this loved one. This Spirit is a powerful, radiating light completely surrounding your loved one, guiding, governing, and protecting him from harm. If you become still and know that this Spirit created man in its own image and that man and Spirit are one and inseparable, you will do more to help than you can possibly do in any other way. Sometimes human ways of helping may be unwise; whereas, the infinite wisdom of Spirit knows the best and the right way to help. Be still and let God do it.

Are you troubled about the right step to take in a business venture? About finances? About some situation in your office? Be still and know that the Spirit of wisdom works wonders in these matters also.

"Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding:
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths."

Some years ago my husband and I started a summer business. We were quite inexperienced and could have made many serious errors in the construction and running of this business. However, thanks to the

teachings of Unity, we were led day by day, step by step to build a successful venture. Every day problems were taken "to the Lord in prayer." Every day, and many times a day, we had to remind ourselves to "be still and know" the love, wisdom, and power of God straightening out difficulties, readjusting, bringing true success and true prosperity to the business. And it worked, as it always does when held to sincerely and faithfully.

"Be still, and know." Is there some household or office chore that you dislike doing, that you find tiresome or boring? Is there some person you have found it difficult to like and to deal with? Be still and know that the light of the wise, loving, compassionate Father of all of us is shining through this person, this child of His; that this light is also shining through the tiresome chore, the trying situation, and you can always love Him and rejoice in His presence. I have always remembered a very comforting remark made by a Truth teacher several years ago. In pointing out the importance of learning to love more, she said: "Remember, you don't have to love what a person does, or what he says. You do need to see the Christ in this person and learn to love and revere the Christ in him." This wise advice has helped me through many trying experiences.

When we are in need of inspiration and guidance, let us become still and know the presence of infinite intelligence all around us and within us. Every so often, when we have been reaching out for an idea, we say, or have heard someone else say, "It just came to me out of a clear sky!" Never do we hear, "It just came to me out of a cloudy sky!" We have to "be

still" in order to have that clear mental receptivity through which constructive ideas come to us. It is most difficult for the Spirit of wisdom to reach us through a fog of cluttered, anxious thoughts, through a cloud of fear and doubt. We need to still our fear, our material thinking, in order to clear the sky and allow the helpful ideas to find their way through to our conscious minds. By the very act of willing stillness inside us, so that we may know and feel the presence of God, we release tensions, quiet taut nerves, relax muscles, and allow a natural, normal circulation of blood to flow through the entire physical system. With a quiet mind and a relaxed body we are then fully open and receptive to the guidance of Spirit.

Do you wish to be progressively freed from your fears and anxieties? Then each morning, each night, and as many times through the day as possible, be still and allow yourself to feel deeply the loving, protective power of God within you and around you. Say frequently, "In God (in His love, His wisdom, His beauty, and His strength) man lives and moves and has his being."

"Waiting the word of the Master,
Watching the hidden light,
Listening to catch His orders
In the very midst of the fight.
Seeing His slightest signal
Across the heads of the throng,
Hearing His lightest whisper
Above earth's loudest song."

A significant word in the foregoing poem is *waiting*. Another is *listening*. In order to receive

guidance and inspiration from our time of stillness and of knowing God's presence, it is necessary to wait, after having completed our prayer. If we talk to God, making known our needs, and then immediately get up and go about our business, we do not give Him opportunity to talk to us. We would think it discourteous, to say the least, even in a friend, if he did not wait to receive our reply to his request. Of course, God does not always send replies immediately, but just in case He has a word of instruction or a constructive idea for us it is well for us to wait and listen.

We remember the story in the Old Testament of the little boy Samuel, who heard a voice calling him in the night, but did not know whose voice it was. Finally, after the call had been repeated, Eli, the priest, told Samuel to answer the voice, saying, "Speak, Jehovah; for thy servant heareth." And so, after we have become still and realized the presence of God, let us wait and say quietly, "Speak, Jehovah; for thy servant heareth." We may receive an answer at that time, or we may receive it later, but we will have given the Lord, our indwelling Christ, the courtesy of our full attention.

All our limitations and troubles, all sickness and poverty, all our fears and apprehensions come from a mistaken idea that some persons, some places, some conditions are void of the presence of God. This, of course, is impossible. God is infinite love, infinite Truth, and His presence is evenly distributed everywhere. What is needed is a clearer vision, a clearer recognition of His presence here, there, and everywhere.

"Be still, and know." If we are knowing and feeling the presence of God, we cannot, at the same time, be giving our thought and attention to negative conditions. Thought is power, and our knowing and feeling God's presence and love raises our mental and spiritual faculties. This, in turn, raises the energy and vitality of our bodies. I had a dear friend in Truth many years ago. Once, in reply to a student who had a strong sense of being hindered and obstructed in her spiritual progress by members of her family, she said: "You know, since I have understood more of Truth teachings, I never say, 'Mind your own business.' I keep my eye single." It was this friend who warned: "Do not allow yourself to become depleted. God cannot use a depleted person." We must not take on all the problems and worries of others. "What *is that* to thee? follow thou me." We must follow the Christ in ourselves, in others and seek His beauty, strength, courage, love. We must help others with our prayers and our recognition of the Christ in them. In order to do this with clear vision, we must keep our eyes single.

And so we see that to "be still, and know" is more important than anything else in life.

Dear Father, help us to still the fears of our hearts, the anxious thoughts and busy materiality of our days. Help us to become increasingly aware of Thy presence within and around us, here and now. Open our eyes, Father, that we may see, and our ears that we may hear, and our hearts that we may understand. Help us to know that we are now and eternally receptive to the ceaseless flow of Thy love and wisdom and power through us, that we may

shine forth and reflect and express this love on all those we meet. Help us, Father, to realize what it means to be still and know Thy love, Thy will for us, Thy perfect kingdom of good "at hand." In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for This Day

Emily May Young

Today is here; this is my prayer:
Lord, if You will, make me aware
Of the pageantry of this new day;
Aware that each hour in its own way
Has a part in an infinite plan
Designed for the growth and good of man.
Keep wonder always in my heart,
Let me see each marvelous part
Serving its all-important place
In the immensity of earth and space.
Help me to note the smallest blade
And full-grown trees, each restful glade,
The flower's color, shape, and scent—
Facets of Your wise intent.
Help me to note the sufferer's plight,
To spread abroad Your cleansing light;
Remove all limitations from my soul
That I may reach today's highest goal.

The Fallow Field

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ACTIVITY IS LIFE, but life is more than activity. In our quick-paced civilization we are apt to forget this. We feel impelled to keep things, and ourselves, on the go. This will be noticed at almost any social gathering when the conversation seems to fall flat. Almost immediately someone will jump into the breach with an observation or anecdote to break the lull.

Nature reflects none of our human tension. In the slow turn of seasons, in night and day, and the proud procession of stars, nature reflects the harmony of Spirit.

To be successful, life must be harmonious; and harmony implies rhythm. This applies to every aspect of creation from the cosmic to the microscopic. We inhale and exhale rhythmically; the tides ebb and flow at regular intervals; we sleep and wake, work and rest by schedule. Scientists perceive rhythm throughout creation—in the cells of our bodies, as well as in the movement of the planets. Poets describe it as "the music of the spheres."

Farmers, who work closely with nature and respect its ways, are usually more keenly attuned to this divine harmony than city dwellers. They know the value of silence and repose. They observe a time to work and a time to rest, a time to speak and a time to think, a time to sow and a time to reap.

The good farmer rests himself and his beasts. He

also rests his land. From ancient times the wise husbandman has followed the practice of letting part of his land lie fallow. He knows that to fallow land helps it to retain its fertility; he also knows that land cropped without respite is soon depleted.

There is an important spiritual lesson to be learned from this. Man is of God and needs God. He must draw in, as well as give out, the divine energy of Spirit. He must inspire (breathe in), as well as emit (press out), ideas. This cannot be done when he is in a state of tense activity or when his mind is busy with other things. It can be done in a crowded or noisy atmosphere only if he is able to close his mind to noise and confusion.

Jesus tells us to pray to our Father, "who is in secret." The word *secret* is derived from the Latin word *secretus*, past participle of *secernere*, meaning "to put apart, separate." We cannot perceive Truth or receive divine guidance when our attention is centered on the relative and conditioned. We must go apart in order to distinguish between appearances and Truth, which is spiritually discerned. For this reason many religious orders observe the rule of silence. The door to the outer world must be closed, gently but firmly, in order that the door to the inner world may be opened to us and divine light stream through. When we are still, when our minds listen, God speaks to us.

No one will deny the need of the physical body for rest and relaxation. Yet the body can never be more relaxed than the mind that inhabits it.

Prayer, meditation, and practice of the silence are passive, quiescent, indrawing movements. While we

practice them, our consciousness lies fallow, like a farmer's field. When the incessant and selfish demand to "give, give, give" is no longer relayed to nerve, cell, and muscle, these essential parts of our bodies are able to relax. They then become receptive to the pulsations of divine life and energy constantly radiating from God. Like the regular pressure applied in artificial respiration, which restores normal breathing to a nearly drowned person, these divine impulses permeate every level of being, turning each part in harmony to the whole.

Similarly, divine ideas come to those who are receptive. A person who talks incessantly rarely has anything of importance to say. Ideas do not wear hobnailed boots. They come softly and pass lightly down the corridors of the mind. To hear them, we must listen.

What is it about a church or a garden that suggests so strongly the presence of God? Is it not, above all else, the absence of noise and hurry? In a church, as in a garden, it is easy to touch that fringe of reality which is the garment of God. And we instinctively recognize the attributes of Spirit.

It is not possible for everyone to go to a church or a garden in order to pray and to be still. Yet few persons are so pressed for time that there is not some part of the day that can be set aside as a "fallow field." For some, it may be the early hours of the morning. For others, it may be a moment in the middle of the day or just before falling asleep at night.

The length of time spent in meditation is less important than the regularity of it. Even a few

minutes a day can add richly to our consciousness of divine guidance, harmony, and power. The prayer periods suggested by Unity School for Truth students throughout the world are not long. They are a few moments at eleven o'clock in the morning, at noon, and at nine o'clock in the evening. Yet who shall assay the volume of spiritual power released during these intervals of meditation and prayer? God is bound by neither time nor space. His power is manifested "in the twinkling of an eye."

Having found a time and place in which to "be still, and know," you may find it difficult to control your thoughts. If they tend to wander, bring them back each time by repeating the Lord's Prayer, The Prayer of Faith, or an affirmation such as the following:

I am in tune with infinite good.

I am aware of God, and He is aware of me.

Divine love circles and supports me. "Underneath are the everlasting arms."

"I and the Father are one."

I absorb and assimilate divine energy and ideas.

My mind is a magnet to the good, attracting only positive, harmonious ideas and conditions.

In the peace of His presence I am restored and renewed. My body overflows with energy and light.

With your body relaxed and your mind divinely centered, speak to the Father, "who seeth in secret." Tell Him simply and honestly how you feel, what your problems are, and what you hope to accomplish. Tell Him that you believe in His willingness to help you and that you will gratefully follow His guidance. Then listen. A good conversation is not a monologue.

It recognizes the importance of both persons "having their say."

God has something to say to you. In substance, it is this:

"You are not tired, weary, ineffectual, and depleted. That you appear to be so is false and has no basis in Truth. In Truth, you are part of My Being forever. The Son is one with Me and exists in Me. Be still; be unafraid and listen. The rhythm of your own heartbeat echoes the rhythm of life. 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' "

Morning Prayer

Leslie Langham

Let me be grateful through this day,
As I Thy gifts receive;
Help me from fear to turn away
And in Thy care believe.

Grant me this day to render Thee
The saved, unspoken word,
Denied to scorn, to enmity
And lifted up unheard.

Teach me to bless through tenderness,
Impel me to forgive.
O guide my heart to understand
That as I love I live.

From Flanders Fields: A Challenge!

O'er Flanders fields a Spirit goes
Among the crosses, where in rows
  Our place is marked. We are not dead!
  We live! Our souls march on ahead
With Christ, who long ago arose
  To set men free.

Short years ago we lived and taught
That peace on earth cannot be bought
  At any price. It is a gift:
  His peace He gave that it might lift
A war-torn world in darkness caught
  And make men free.

The torch of love is in your hand!
You constitute a mighty band
  That goes before. Your way prepare;
  For prayer has power! This armor wear:
The Truth you know! Let Truth expand
  And lead the way.

Take up His banner, all unfurled,
Accept the challenge that we hurled
  To men of faith. By strength nor might,
  But by His Spirit, by His right,
Whose place it is to rule the world.
  He goes before!

Trentor G. Newcomb

I Meet My God in Silent Prayer

from the writings of

CHARLES FILLMORE

Illumination: I thank Thee, Father, that Thou hast revealed Thyself in me as infinite wisdom.

Prosperity: God's abundance is poured into my life, and everything I turn my hand to prospers.

Healing: God's perfect plan for wholeness and perfection is being fulfilled, and I am healed.

INSTRUCTIONS—The Bible veils in its history the march of man from innocence and ignorance to a measure of understanding. Over all hovers the divine idea of man, the perfect-man pattern, the Lord, who is a perpetual source of inspiration and power for every man.

We may receive added spiritual inspiration from within. By prayer and meditation on words of Truth in the silence we may so open our consciousness to the inner divine presence that the necessary understanding, love, and power may be given us to enable us to bring forth in our lives the good results that we wish to see manifest. This is much better than waiting to see the demonstrations of others before believing and before attempting to bring forth demonstrations of our own.

We find that there is in man a knowing capacity that transcends intellectual knowledge. Nearly everyone has at some time touched this hidden wisdom and has been more or less astonished at its revelations. It certainly is a most startling experience to find ourselves giving forth logical thoughts and words without preparation or forethought, because we nearly always arrive at our conclusions through a process of reasoning.

By quieting the mental man, by passing through the discipline of intellectual silence, we arrive at the very threshold of God's workshop, the threshold of Being. As we pass into the inner chamber we find we are entering the holy of holies, where noiselessly, silently a mighty work is always going on but where there is "neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard." God works in the stillness. As we come into the presence of God with our prayers in the form of affirmations of Truth, holding a thought steadily in mind and consciously unifying our minds with the mind of God, we are aware only of the soundlessness of God's word as it weaves itself in and out through the whole consciousness, illumining, inspiring, and filling us with infinite wisdom. We receive according to our faith and trust, according to our strength and power to receive.

As we use all the inspiration that comes to us the consciousness expands and we find that spiritual light transcends all the laws of matter and intellect. Affirm:

I thank Thee, Father, that thou hast revealed Thyself in me as infinite wisdom.

Back of the visible universe lies the great storehouse of inexhaustible, omnipresent Spirit-substance. Its riches belong to all alike, but the door swings open only to those who have learned its combination. Never has the outer eye beheld its opulence, nor has the sense mind calculated its magnitude.

Would you learn the combination and avail yourself of the wonderful treasures of this hidden kingdom within you? If so, go into the silence and merge your consciousness with the Great Consciousness, and it will be revealed to you. "I am the door"—and the combination is, I and the Father are one substance.

Then you will be deceived no longer by appearances, but will know that "the kingdom of God is within you," and you will affirm with understanding,

God's abundance is poured into my life, and everything I turn my hand to prospers.

Gratitude and thanksgiving are both necessary in demonstrating prosperity through the divine law. We should be grateful to God and thankful to the avenue that He uses to supply us. The cultivation of this attitude of mind opens doors that will remain shut if we are negligent in our thoughts and words of gratitude.

Make it a practice to thank God for everything that you receive, no matter in what guise it comes.

Realize that you are always provided for, because you have a living faith in the Father as your unfailing supply, as you affirm:

God's abundance is poured into my life, and everything I turn my hand to prospers.

Jesus did not claim to have the exclusive supernatural power that is usually credited to Him. He had explored the ether energy, which He called the "kingdom of the heavens"; His understanding was beyond that of the average man, but He knew that other men could do what He did if they would only try. He encouraged His followers to take Him as a center of faith and to use the power of thought and word. "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do."

The great modern revival of divine healing is due to the application of the same law that Jesus used according to God's perfect plan. Jesus demanded faith on the part of those whom He healed, and with that faith as the point of mental and spiritual contact He released the latent energy in the atomic structure of His patients and they were restored to life and health.

When we are in discordant conditions, we cannot find real help in men. The only way out of such difficulties is to seek the Lord, the law of our being, the kingdom of heaven within us, and get into harmony with divine ideas. When divine ideas are properly incorporated with our thoughts, they will find expression in and through us as life, health, strength, plenty, and every good that the heart can desire.

Realize that you are perfect as the Father is perfect, and declare;

God's perfect plan for wholeness and perfection is being fulfilled, and I am healed.

The Magic Word

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WHEN I WAS A CHILD the annual Christmas party was the great event each year. But however good the food, however lavish the presents, however colorful the crackers, the jellies, and the sweets, the high light that never failed to win my approval was the appearance of the magician. It was the most thrilling event of the day. The man of magic would draw endless strings of ribbon from an empty hat, pull jewelry, flags, and colored umbrellas from a cylinder we children had examined and believed to be quite empty; he removed eggs from behind a spectator's ear and discovered golden coins just anywhere.

Yet, be the patter ever so clever and his magic wand waved with the most consummate skill, no result ever took place without his utterance of a magic word. "Abracadabra," he would cry, and the magic permeated the room. But until this incantation was spoken, nothing happened.

Is it coincidence or deliberate planning that causes the action in so many folk tales to depend on the spoken magic word? "Open sesame!" murmurs Ali Baba, and the treasure of ages lies before his eyes. Is it possible that such tales are evidence of some realization in the race mind that, before the desired result can take place, the word must first be spoken?

We all are aware that there is magic in words. A

young man invites the young woman of his choice to share and to make a new life with him. What will be her answer—"yes" or "no"? One man's world depends on her word. Another man is on trial for his life. The jury has retired to consider the evidence and is now returning to give its verdict. The foreman rises and addresses the judge. Which words will be utter? "Guilty" or "not guilty"?

According to the Scriptures men are judged for even their most idle words. "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," said Jesus. A word is spoken; then it goes out into the world to work. The speaker controls it no longer. If it is a good word, it will bring forth good. If it is a bad word, it will increase the cloud of negation that fogs the race and retards fulfillment. It is like planted seed, which will inevitably bring forth a harvest of its own kind. "The sower soweth the word," said Jesus, and He thought of Himself as one whose purpose was to sow seeds of Truth that were bound to grow in the minds in which they were sown and to bear fruit in their season. By this word man lives. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Some persons call the Bible "the word of God." But "the word of God," when we read it in the Bible, does not refer to the Bible. It cannot, because the Bible was not written or compiled until after the words it contains were spoken or recorded. "The word of God" is God's message, spoken by Him to whomsoever it comes. We are told that "John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance." This prepared

the way for the fullness of Truth preached by Jesus Himself. This is the word we must wait for and use, for ourselves and others.

With all the healings of Jesus Christ there was the spoken word. Often, indeed, He would touch His brothers, as when He touched the leper and gave him that human fellowship so long denied him, or when He touched the tongue of the deaf-mute, or put His hand on blind eyes. But no cure ever took place without the spoken word, such as, "I will; be thou made clean"; the command, "Ephphatha, that is, Be opened"; or "Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise." Sometimes, indeed, there is no visible contact between the Healer and the healed. The centurion's servant was sick, but the centurion said to Jesus, "Only say the word and my servant shall be healed." And Jesus said, "Go thy way; as thou hast believed, *so* be it done unto thee." The word goes forth, and the miracle appears!

We will do well to meditate long on the power of the spoken word, and in particular, on Jesus' use of it. For the word spoken in faith is the most powerful instrument for good that we have.

A recent magazine tells of a schoolteacher with a secret. She gets good results from the dullest and least manageable of children and succeeds where some other teachers have failed. Her secret? It is quite simple. She chooses the least attractive and least intelligent-looking little girl in her class; into her ear she whispers each morning, "My dear, you are growing more beautiful every day." And the lovely child of God within the unattractive exterior is liberated. Beauty and intelligence bloom as God

intends that they should in all His children.

Sometimes, however, the word remains unspoken. A woman lies ill in a hospital, and all her grown children gather round her in deep distress. Suddenly one of the daughters bursts out in her grief: "O Mother, don't leave us! We love you so." The woman turns her eyes upon her daughter and says: "Do you, my dear? You've never told me so before." To remember to say the good word is to help others and also to save ourselves from saying words that are destructive and hurtful.

There is magic in a simple affirmation, such as, *"I believe."* When Paul and Silas were in prison at Philippi, they kept on singing the word of praise to God despite their terrible plight, with the result that the prison doors were opened. And when the jailer was about to kill himself Paul reassured him. Then the jailer asked what he must do to be saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved," said Paul. It is as simple as that.

A woman who was bereaved of her dearly loved husband in her distress could neither eat nor drink. Afterward, she said that what helped her through this difficult time was her repeating over and over, *"I believe in God."* This affirmation brought her strength and fortitude until she could make for herself a new life. God honors every word spoken in faith, however simple. H. Emilie Cady, in *Lessons in Truth,* gives a magic word to employ against any adverse circumstance. To say and keep saying, *"God is my defense and deliverance,"* will free us from all kinds of fear and gloom; a situation of difficulty and unpleasantness will be changed miraculously,

even with these words simply held in our minds. But always we must speak the words when it can be done.

The universe itself was created by the spoken word of God. "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" is the rhythmic refrain of the wondrous book we call Genesis. The idea of creation was in Divine Mind. God spoke the word into the formless substance, where "darkness was upon the face of the deep."

A short time ago a choir of blind persons learned to sing Haydn's oratorio "The Creation." In the first chorus, mostly sung piano and in a minor key, there is a sudden transition to a major chord sung fortissimo at the words, "And there was light." An eyewitness reports that as the choir sang these words every sightless eye was turned upward, as though the triumphant word had given them the sight so long denied. Every face was radiant.

And from the creation of the earth to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem God spoke His message to and through king and priest and prophet—a word now heard clearly, but dimly apprehended. At last, God uttered His divine Word—Christ is incarnate in Jesus. The idea is expressed, the Word is made flesh so that we may fully understand. What was abstract becomes concrete. The Epistle to the Hebrews says, "God . . . hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in *his* Son." Jesus Christ is God's idea of what man should be. Man understands when the idea is made concrete.

This is always so. If we want to understand the word *courage,* for example, we can understand it

best, not by reading a book of definitions, but by seeing it demonstrated in the life of some hero. A young man recently jumped twenty feet into a swift-flowing river at twilight to save a small boy who had leaned too far over the bridge railing. Fully clothed, he swam to the child and seized him. Although almost choked by the boy's grip on his throat, he managed to struggle to the great chains anchoring the landing stage. To the rescuers who hauled him and the boy to safety he simply remarked that it had been a long time since he had done any swimming! In such a man we see courage made manifest. Similarly, if we wish to understand the word *love,* we may think of a mother who lavished all her care on us years ago. Also, if we want to understand the word *God,* we must think all the Christ incarnate in Jesus. We then know what redemption means. We realize how God lives in men; we understand that the Christ which dwelt in fullness in Him can dwell also in fullness in us. This is the Word that can liberate us from every ill the flesh is heir to and open for us the gates of that wonderful kingdom of which Jesus spoke and which is the heritage of every man who hears and accepts this Word of God.

Such is the true way to real brotherhood and world peace. The angel's song on Christmas morning is still the voice of God, "On earth peace among men."

Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands . . .
Come before his presence with singing.

—PSALMS

Sunday LESSONS

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Lesson 5, May 2, 1954

UNITY SUBJECT—*The Spirit of True Worship.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Judgment on Jeroboam.*
—I Kings 14:5-10a, 12-16.

5. And Jehovah said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her; for it will be, when she cometh in, that she will feign herself to be another woman.

6. And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings.

7. Go, tell Jeroboam, thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel,

8. And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee; and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes,

9. But hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back:

10a. Therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam,

12. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thy house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die.

13. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found some good thing toward Jehovah, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

14. Moreover Jehovah will raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now.

15. For Jehovah will smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he will root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking Jehovah to anger.

16. And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, which he hath sinned, and wherewith he hath made Israel to sin.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Beware lest thou forget Jehovah thy God, in not keeping his commandments.*—Deuteronomy 8:11.

SILENT PRAYER—*I seek to keep the right uppermost in my mind so that it may prevail in my actions.*

The history of Jeroboam's reign carries a warning to the people of today. His career was destined to failure because he put temporary personal gain ahead of spiritual gain. He seemed to be driven by a desire to get ahead at any cost and to be willing to sacrifice his birthright, as did Esau, for a mess of "red pottage." By Jeroboam's example we can see that to those who put policy ahead of religion, who choose convenience before duty or establish expediency as more important than righteousness, the

result can be only eventual failure.

Without keeping the divine law it is impossible to remain conscious of God, for a consciousness of God is more than feeling or emotion. It is knowledge based on experience, and we do not experience God-likeness unless we observe the law of God. As we observe it we reap its rewards, and these rewards in themselves present a temptation against which we must again be on our guard. As we prosper by applying ourselves wholeheartedly to our tasks and by making use of the wisdom, judgment, faith, and zeal that develop in us when we keep our minds turned toward God, our thoughts and interests tend to become centered on the tangible rewards, the material prosperity and success that we have reaped.

Since the thoughts can have but one focus or permanent place of rest, this focus should be God and the things that are in harmony with the thought of God. To allow the mind to rest on material prosperity and its evidences is to fail to understand the true riches and our inner resources, of which it is our duty and privilege to develop and enjoy.

The fact that we can choose our course proves that we have free will, since without choice there is no freedom. To arrive at a reasoned decision and abide by it without wavering, no matter what the circumstances, proves stability and maturity. Anyone works to better advantage for having developed these traits. When we choose the real in preference to the apparent, we align ourselves with what is dear to the heart of Being and choose its blessings.

If we obey the law we reap the resultant blessing. If we disobey we reap the negative reaction of the

same law. There is no escaping the action of the divine law. We may elect to take it or leave it, but its consequences follow us in either case. The blessing that comes with obedience and the punishment that follows disobedience stand out unmistakably, as though set on opposite mountain tops. The divine law is written into the necessities of man's nature and well-being; none need err through mistaking curse for blessing or vice versa.

The world calls us continually to follow the way of the flesh. To strengthen ourselves in the way of divine wisdom and power so that we may live by the Spirit without heeding the call of the flesh, we need to renew our covenant with God again and again. Over and over we should review the divine promises and proclaim our faith in God and our determination to let the life of God be fully expressed in and through us. As we do this we become able to understand and demonstrate Truth perfectly.

True worship is possible only as the inner life or our deepest nature is cultivated and the Spirit of the Christ developed in it.

QUESTIONS

1. Why was Jeroboam's career destined to failure?
2. How may we prove our stability and maturity?
3. What is consciousness?
4. In what way can material prosperity and success ensnare us?
5. How does true worship become possible to us?

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Lesson 6, May 9, 1954

UNITY SUBJECT—*Loyalty to the Highest.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Elijah Challenges Baal Worship.*—I Kings 17:1; 18:17-24, 37-39.

1. And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As Jehovah, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

17. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Is it thou, thou troubler of Israel?

18. And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of Jehovah, and thou hast followed the Baalim.

19. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the Asherah four hundred, that eat at Jezebel's table.

20. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

21. And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said, How long go ye limping between the two sides? if Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

22. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of Jehovah; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

23. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under.

24. And call ye on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of Jehovah: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

37. Here me, O Jehovah, hear me, that this people may know that thou, Jehovah, art God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.

38. Then the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the

burnt-offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

39. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he is God.

GOLDEN TEXT—*How long go ye limping between the two sides? if Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.*—I Kings 18:21.

SILENT PRAYER—*I hold fast to my faith that God is the Spirit of truth.*

In every age total faith has accomplished marvels while divided faith has allowed its possessor to fall into doubt and consequent failure. With all our faculties centered in God and concentrated on God, we cannot fail to accomplish that on which our hearts are set. Half belief means half performance or less, since the rate at which thought magnifies or diminishes a given subject in consciousness tends to grow.

Elijah, one of the major prophets, excelled in his chosen work because of his loyalty to Jehovah and his undivided faith. Jesus questioned whether or not He would find faith in the earth. That question was answered in the affirmative in the case of Elijah, for the works attributed to him could have been done only through the exercise of undivided faith such as he possessed.

Elijah on Mount Carmel represents the I AM in realization of its unfettered power. The meaning of the name Elijah is "Jehovah is God; my God is Jah; Jehovah God." Carmel means "fruitful place; garden." It signifies the garden of God, a place in consciousness where we realize the fullness of our pos-

sibilities under divine law. Elijah realized the fullness of power that comes to the one who makes union with Omnipotence. His first recorded words in I Kings 17:1, reveal his consciousness of power: "As Jehovah, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word." No uncertainty whatever is evident in this prophecy. He spoke with absolute authority, apparently as sure of his power to control the situation as he was sure of the rising of the sun with each succeeding day. Complete dedication and undivided service to Jehovah alone give such assurance. These qualifications anyone may develop and gain the consciousness of God.

Before unfettered power can be realized, we re-establish permanent resolutions of purity and covenants of conformity with the higher law of obedience. Elijah repaired the altar of Jehovah that had been thrown down. Obedience seems a simple matter, but many faculties enter into its perfect expression. Our twelve fundamental faculties contribute to it, each faculty in its regenerate form. Elijah fitted twelve stones together to form the altar. Each stone represented one of the sons of Israel, who won his new name in recognition of his perserverance towards perfection.

Obedience through faith helps to marshal our forces and control our thoughts. Elijah's sacrifice to Jehovah was more than a symbol of the refining process that is always going on in consciousness. It was a test for the purpose of proving reality. Whether the vital energy of life (the divine fire) resides in materiality or in Spirit is a question to be

resolved to the satisfaction of each person before he can turn his whole thought to acknowledgment of God in all things. We may make the testing of spiritual power as rigid as we will as long as we realize that what we are actually testing is the strength of our faith. Elijah's faith was equal to every test that he could devise. Not even the sodden trench or the stones proved beyond the power of the divine fire to consume. And we still must look to spiritual power to consume hatred, greed, ambition. Our problem is not one of generating power, for that we can do; it is to use power beneficently and constructively only and to convert the world at large to the will to work together for the good of all, knowing that in this way only is the good of each one served.

The forces of materiality that control men today can be consumed as completely as was the bullock that Elijah offered. To do so will take faith as unshakable as his. Spiritual power alone can save the situation now, can create world-wide public opinion that is determined to establish peace. Materiality destroys itself and all who entrust themselves to it. Effective work is done silently. Elijah delegated part of his tasks to others, but he reserved to himself the knowing of Principle and the recognizing of but one Power in the universe. The I AM is capable of grasping the idea of perfection and of holding it fast until it becomes manifest.

To know God as Spirit is an emancipation in itself. "Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he is God."

QUESTIONS

1. How can we without fail accomplish that on which

we set our hearts?

2. What faculty made Elijah's work outstanding?
3. How can we realize the fullness of our possibilities under divine law?
4. Does consecration accompanied by service lead to faith?
5. How can materiality be destroyed?

Lesson 7, May 16, 1954

UNITY SUBJECT—*Acquisitiveness, a Builder or a Destroyer.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Elijah Rebukes Ahab.* —I Kings 21:1-4, 16-20.

1. And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money.

3. And Naboth said to Ahab, Jehovah forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.

4. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

16. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

17. And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

18. Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwelleth in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to take possession of it.

19. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.

20. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah.

GOLDEN TEXT—*Thou shalt not covet.*—Exodus 20:17.

SILENT PRAYER—*All my affairs are under divine law, and the Spirit of justice and righteousness is supreme.*

Acquisitiveness is a legitimate faculty of the mind; covetousness is its Judas. When acquisitiveness acts within the law it builds up the consciousness; but when it oversteps the law it is a destroyer. Judas was the treasurer of the apostles of Jesus, but he became covetous, and his sin brought tragedy. King Ahab represents acquisitiveness. This faculty ruled his mind and took possession of the whole man. When acquisitiveness throws its influence over man, he develops an insatiable desire to possess things. Ahab built a splendid summer palace inlaid with ivory. Extravagance grows on its own thoughts; Ahab's palace had to have additional gardens. The vineyard of Naboth suited Ahab, and he acquired it by foul means.

Covetousness has no wisdom. One who gives up to the demands of covetousness will commit the most foolish acts to get possession of coveted objects. Seemingly subtle plans (such as that of Jezebel to

have the innocent Naboth stoned to death) are always laid bare, and their shallowness is shown. Selfishness is nearsighted, and all its ways are narrow.

Elijah, the defender of the law, is the enemy of covetousness. He exposes it in the midst of its transgression. "Hast thou found me, O mine enemy?"

There is no escape from the Spirit of justice; it overtakes unjust men when they think that they are secure, and they have to give up everything. The man who takes advantage of another's necessity, in order to enrich his own coffers, must in due season restore fourfold, as did Zacchaeus.

Brain cells are the central stations from which the mind sends its ruling thoughts to various parts of the body. Acquisitiveness works from its brain area and affects the whole organism. If it is cultivated to the point of covetousness it dominates appetite; then more food is eaten than the system needs from day to day, and the excess is stored up as fat. This excess of flesh is not properly vitalized and eventually leads to decay. Thus selfishness uses appetite to destroy the body.

The remedy for all error resulting from acquisitiveness is to call upon divine law to adjust every thought in which acquisitiveness plays a part.

Bible commentators note that the tenth commandment is the one that goes the deepest, proving beyond all dispute that the Decalogue is more than a mere code of civil law. It is true that man-made laws cannot take cognizance of the thoughts of the heart, and until covetousness becomes active acquisitiveness it belongs in the class of sins that corrode

the heart of him who harbors them without affecting the one whose substance is the object of cupidity.

The commandment "Thou shalt not covet" is mandatory. If mankind were unequal to keeping it, it would not have been given. We are not required to accomplish the impossible. In our desire to secure material riches, we may overlook the spiritual riches that are ours for the claiming. Such riches cannot be hoarded, for faith grows strong as we use faith, love increases in our hearts as we practice loving. Wisdom is quickened as we depend on the wisdom of the Christ Mind to enlighten us in all quandaries and problems.

"Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness." By being on our guard against insidious desire we are equal to the keeping of this commandment. Material riches cannot be made a part of the individual. Materiality is not the soul's native medium. The expression "You can't take it with you" describes the transitory nature of temporal riches.

We keep ourselves from covetousness by developing an awareness of the universal life and of ourselves as a part of it. "All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine," but I must take possession of mine under law. Violence is no part of this law. Rather the law is that of give and take, in which giving has precedence. We possess in Truth only that for which we give an adequate return. It is in the giving of this return that we make ourselves "rich toward God" and live satisfyingly and fully.

Make this affirmation daily:

All my affairs are ordered in righteousness, and

my own comes to me under divine law.

QUESTIONS

1. When is acquisitiveness constructive in consciousness. When is it destructive?
2. How does extravagance grow?
3. Explain how selfishness lacks wisdom?
4. Can one escape the Spirit of justice?
5. Is it possible for us to keep ourselves always from covetousness?

Lesson 8, May 23, 1954

UNITY SUBJECT—*Speaking the Truth.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Micaiah Withstands False Prophets.*—I Kings 22:5-8, 13-18, 26-28a.

5. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire first, I pray thee, for the word of Jehovah.

6. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord will deliver it into the hand of the king.

7. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we may inquire of him?

8. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Jehovah, Micaiah the son of Imlah: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

13. And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak thou good.

14. And Micaiah said, As Jehovah liveth, what Jehovah saith unto me, that will I speak.

15. And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go up and prosper; and Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king.

16. And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of Jehovah?

17. And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Jehovah said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace.

18. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?

26. And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

27. And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction until I come in peace.

28a. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, Jehovah hath not spoken by me.

GOLDEN TEXT—*As Jehovah liveth, what Jehovah saith unto me, that will I speak.*—I Kings 22:14.

SILENT PRAYER—*I see all truth as the expression of Divine Mind.*

The desire to anticipate the course of future events is instinctive in us. To say that we can know the past and the present but not the future with any degree of certainty is tantamount to admitting that as sons of God we have not yet attained our mature estate. It is an admission that we are still minors in the kingdom, subject to the limitations of sense con-

sciousness. We desire to be graduated to our spiritual estate in order that each of us may know all of life and Truth that concerns us without limitation by time or space.

Foreknowledge affords us guidance in choosing the right course of action, but this course can be chosen by other means as well. A steadfast intention to do what is right without trimming our sails to expediency is an excellent guide in choosing our future course of action. The mortal or sense consciousness favors expediency. The outcome of political campaigns and other uncertain events need give no anxiety to the man of established principles, for he knows what he will do and what he will not do. He speaks his mind without ambiguity or double meaning. What is true of him and for him he speaks.

In the struggle of the higher with the lower self, our spiritual judgment is involved with the false intellectual concepts that we have allowed to control our true nature. By using our better judgment in conjunction with the intellectual powers on which we rely and of which we are inclined to feel proud, we expect to become so unerring in our discernment of Truth as to find ourselves in possession of spiritual consciousness. This high state of spiritual consciousness is symbolized by Ramoth-Gilead, against which Jehoshaphat and Ahab planned a campaign of conquest.

The intellectual powers are not a safe guide in all undertakings. All our powers must be called into action, for it is through them that we make contact with the Spirit of truth. The issues of life are out of the heart. Jehoshaphat was willing to make common

cause with Ahab against Ramoth-Gilead, but first he insisted on finding out whether or not the campaign was just and right and had a prospect of success. "Inquire first, I pray thee, for the word of Jehovah."

Prophecy was once an accredited branch of learning and schools were maintained in which pupils were taught to develop their intuitional powers. The king of Israel had four hundred prophets besides Micaiah. The four hundred were not true believers in Jehovah, for they employed flattery instead of intuition where flattery served. The natural man, when he wishes to follow a certain course, is prone to rationalize about it. First, he determines what he wishes to do; then he finds a reason to justify the doing. Sense consciousness leads a person to rationalize rather than to use impersonal judgment.

Micaiah represents the prophetic phase of our higher consciousness, which perceives that the powers of Being are active in and through us and foresees the end of all erroneous activities in us, even though for the time being the individual will is seemingly engaged in promoting erroneous activities. It also leads us to know the futility of trying through personal will to put away the inharmonious results of the idolatrous deeds of that will. Micaiah told Ahab plainly what the outcome would be if he joined battle with the king of Syria. The prophetic phase of consciousness is in direct opposition to the false intellectual concepts. Ahab hated Micaiah because the latter told him the truth about himself. "Am I become your enemy, by telling you the truth?" We should assert our better judgment, which leads us to desire to know Truth above all things, regard-

less of whether it bears out our personal wishes or counteracts them.

The way to receive the guidance of Spirit is to follow faithfully the measure of guidance that we have in any undertaking. The higher consciousness, which foresees effect unfolding from cause, will have nothing to do with expediency or the will of the majority. "As Jehovah liveth, what Jehovah saith unto me, that will I speak." Integrity cuts through sophistry and flattery and reveals the Truth of God as the sure foundation of our success.

QUESTIONS

1. Why do we desire to foresee the future?
2. What besides foreknowledge permits us to take the right attitude toward the future?
3. Are the intellectual powers a safe guide in all undertakings?
4. Has intuition a rightful place in the exercise of divine judgment?
5. How do we develop the ability to discern divine guidance?
6. Does integrity of character stand us in good stead in discerning the right course to follow in the future, as well as in the present? Give reasons for your answer.

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UNITY SUBJECT—*Spiritual Seeing.*

INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT—*Discovering Spiritual sources*—II Kings 6:8-17.

8. Now the king of Syria was warring against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp.

9. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel,

saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are coming down.

10. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11. And the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?

12. And one of his servants said, Nay, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber.

13. And he said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.

15. And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host with horses and chariots was round about the city. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

16. And he answered, Fear not; for they that are with us are more than they are with them.

17. And Elisha prayed, and said, Jehovah, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

GOLDEN TEXT—*If God* is *for us, who* is *against us?*—Romans 8:31.

SILENT PRAYER—*Lord, let my spiritual sight be open; let me see the powers of Being within.*

This is a lesson on nonresistance. We are instructed how to overcome certain adverse intellectual thoughts that have been warring against the spiritual

ones. We are not always conscious of the war that is going on between the without and the within, but when we have in a measure studied the thoughts that move us, a communication is established and we know much more about ourselves than we can put into words. The thoughts from the intellectual realm (Syria), which have no understanding of Israel (the real), come down and attack the spiritual thoughts in the heart.

But when we are trusting in the law of Being (Dothan, where Elisha the spiritual I AM is living) a system of protection is set up, and the old order of things is entirely changed. Instead of the resisting thoughts being suppressed and killed, they are enlightened—"their eyes are opened." But first they must be made blind and captured. This is a denial of the claim that mortal thought has any understanding whatever. If you are thinking thoughts and doing things without God as the foundation, that part of consciousness is unreal, and its seeming understanding should be denied and mentally erased.

But this is not accomplished without some mental commotion. When you attempt to reconcile the without and the within you are met by invisible opposing forces. All the thoughts of the subjective realms are wrought up, and a "host" seems to encompass you. Fear sets in, and you cry, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" Then, *"Fear not;* for they that are with us are more than they that are with them." The I AM always assures us that the preponderance of power is with the spiritual. Fear nearly always throws dust into our eyes and hides the mighty spiritual forces that are always with us.

Blessed are those who deny ignorance and fear and who affirm the presence and power of the I AM. They behold the "mountain" (exaltation) "full of horses" (powerful forces) and "chariots of fire" (life energies) "round about Elisha" (spiritual I AM.)

The "servant" of spiritual I AM is personal will. The will that moves the various members of the body has its center of force in the medulla and between the eyes. When we affirm ourselves to be spiritual and moved by spiritual forces, we call into action a higher range of faculties than we are ordinarily conscious of. We then think and speak in the name of the Lord or divine law, and all the thoughts are moved and obedient to our commands.

Personal will is often timid and fearful: it sees and feels that the world of mortal forms is great and powerful. Those persons who do not have the courage to affirm their spiritual supremacy or to pray seldom have high realizations. They do not redeem the error thoughts of the intellect (Syrians), but remain in a state of constant warfare, with its attendant bodily discords. They do not set into action the vigorous "horses" of the body. Nor do they stir up the vibratory "chariots."

But everyone has this supreme I AM, the center about which all the faculties of man, both visible and invisible, revolve. And everyone must eventually find this center and carry out the laws inherent in it. As long as we refuse to do this, we are tossed like cockleshells on the waves of ephemeral thought. Have the courage, then, to say to your intellectual understanding, "You are ignorance—blindness. Let

the law of the Lord do its perfect work in me."

But there is an intellectual realm in us which has its foundation in Truth. The Samaritans were an offshoot of the Israelites. They were despised because they had mixed with the Syrians and other pagan races.

The true intellect is fundamental in being. When we have cleansed ourselves of false thoughts, we then affirm that the true spiritual understanding is restored. This opens the eyes of the "Syrians" in "Samaria."

Demonstrate nonresistance by denying all intellectual opposition or antagonism. Let the substance of divine love be poured out on all alien thoughts, and you will not be bothered with them any more. "And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel."

QUESTIONS

1. How do we protect our spiritual thoughts against intellectual thoughts?
2. What must be the foundation of our thinking and of our actions?
3. How does fear keep us from seeing the spiritual help that is always at hand?
4. How shall we demonstrate nonresistance?

I will lift up mine eyes unto the
mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
My help cometh *from Jehovah,*
Who made heaven and earth.
—PSALMS

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I WILL ALWAYS remember Unity for the courage and hope it gave me when my little boy was suffering from a serious calcium deficiency and summer complaint.

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SINCE STARTING the prosperity bank plan we have had the most wonderful things happen to us! My husband's firm gave him a thousand dollars' worth of stock plus a six-hundred-dollar bonus. Also, for a long time we had been wanting a combination TV receiver and radio-record player but the sets were

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We are continually amazed and thrilled at the blessings we receive through our use of Unity. Please send us another prosperity bank.—*Mrs. B.M.B., California.*

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I RECALL THAT IN 1940 I seemingly was looking into a blank wall and with just about as much hopefulness of spirit as the blank wall suggested. I wrote to you for help and divine love through your wonderful ministry became real to me. My work has fully opened up and, oh, how satisfying it is to see how God can lead us if we will only get self out of the way.

I am so very grateful for the responsible and satisfying work that is mine whereby, through speech correction, I help children and adults take their place in life with confidence.

The most wonderful part of my work is how God helps me to do all this. He has opened the way for me to have the best in just what I needed here in my work. Sometimes it has come in the most revealing way.

Many times flattering offers have come to go elsewhere, but each time after prayer and waiting I have felt constrained to stay here. As I look back across the years I can see a perfect pattern of growth, a deepening of spiritual values, and complete dependence on divine love.—*E. A., Louisiana.*

My Help Cometh from Jehovah

I DON'T KNOW what I would do without my Unity magazines and books. Slowly but surely the Truth is beginning to take hold of my inner consciousness and become a living word. I mark places in my books and magazines and repeat them over and over during my daily meditation and all through the day. We are surely the reflection of what we think! I used to wonder how my thoughts could make me sick, and now I can realize why. I can only find health by the transformation of my mind. That I am trying to do. It is a slow and tedious climb, but I am climbing. —*Mrs. L.E.A., Idaho.*

ABOUT TWO months ago I asked for prayers for my husband. Then just three weeks ago he picked up Emilie Cady's book *Lessons in Truth,* and started to read. In these three short weeks I say a miracle has taken place. After six months of nerves and sleepless nights and poor appetite resulting in a very run-down condition, he now sleeps, his appetite has increased, and he has become much more calm. I know now he is on his way back to health and happiness. All I can say is "Thank You, God."

My husband and I thank you for your prayers and kindness. May your wonderful work continue to bless and help others as it has us.—*Mrs. V.D., Illinois.*

Hearken unto Me

EIGHT YEARS AGO we "happened" onto a place that offered great possibilities as a guest ranch. At that

time it was an old, deserted homestead, but we were attracted to it and I felt we should have it. My husband rather reluctantly agreed—if we could raise the money to buy it.

Our modest capital was tied up in a small farm at the other end of the country. We offered it for sale, but no immediate chance to sell was forthcoming. Finally, I took the matter to God in meditation. I told Him we wanted the place only if He wanted us to have it, and I vowed that we would conduct it as He would have it done. I finally left the matter entirely in His hands, telling Him if the place was for us, I knew that He would find a way to let us have it.

In three weeks a woman on the West Coast wrote and offered to loan us the amount needed for the down payment on the ranch. This woman is a Truth student whom I have never met but with whom I had corresponded for several years. Now please understand, I did not ask her for the money. I wrote her a friendly letter and then, remembering the delightful old homestead, I added one single paragraph postscript telling a bit about the beautiful spot. At once she wrote airmail, asking if we would like to buy it, and offering the loan.

From our very first season here guests have remarked on the atmosphere—the tranquillity, the peace, and the inspiration. Although we had agreed to use the place as God would have it used, we had not foreseen the many opportunities for service that have come. I have studied Unity books and magazines since childhood and I am sure your teachings have had a greater effect on my spiritual growth than anything else. God bless you.—*Mrs. N.D., Idaho.*

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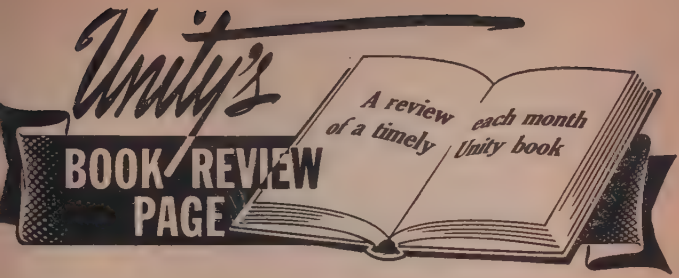

Prayer in the Market Place

A Collection

Prayer in the Market Place is made up of twenty-seven especially helpful articles chosen from *Good Business* magazine. Each chapter gives concrete examples and actual instances in which Truth principles put to work in the world of business have brought success and profit to those who have tried them.

This book comprises the work of some of Unity's best-known writers. Among them are Harold S. Kahm, Wilferd A. Peterson, Gardner Hunting, Ellsworth Kalas, Margaret Harfield, H. Lee Jones, Francis J. Gable, and Clinton E. Bernard, the editor of *Good Business*. Of special interest is the title poem, "Prayer in the Market Place," by Clarence Edwin Flynn.

Some of the inspiring chapters included in *Prayer in the Market Place* are "Learning the Other Fellow's Language," "Building Personal Good Will," "A Formula for Prosperity," "Any Job You Want," and "Competition Is Foolish."

(Attractively bound and gilt stamped, *Prayer in the Market Place* is $1 a copy.)

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(Any 12 of these booklets $1. Envelope included)

NEWS *from* UNITY

May Training School Term to Begin

The second term of the 1954 Training School will be held from May 17 to June 11. This term will include classes in Bible interpretation of both the Old and New Testament, in the books *Lessons in Truth, Talks on Truth,* and *Christian Healing,* in various phases of center ministry, in public speaking, healing practice, and spiritual counseling, as well as the ever-popular exercise classes. A special feature of the May term is the Sunday school and Youth of Unity seminar, conducted by Mary Brown and Betty Butterworth, of the Field Department.

Other leaders and teachers of the May term will be: Fannie A. Baldwin, Sue Sikking, Alma M. Morse, Georgiana Tree West, Vera Dawson Tait, Osla Sehrt Jones, Katheryn Jarvis, Elizabeth Sand Turner, Marion R. Brown, Martha Smock, Richard Lynch, and G. LeRoy Dale.

To obtain a *Prospectus* giving complete information about the Training School or to register for any of the remaining three terms, address a letter to the Registrar, Unity Training School, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Youth of Unity Conference Time Approaching

Young people who wish to attend the annual Youth of Unity Conference, which will be held at Unity Village from July 1 to July 6 this year, should make their arrangements immediately. Great plans are in progress at Unity headquarters, and this year's conference is expected to be even better than last year's. The theme of the

1954 conference is receptivity, and the statement to be used is, "An open heart toward God is an open door to all good."

Reservations for the Youth of Unity Conference should be in the hands of the committee by the latter part of May. For further information or for registration blanks, write to Youth of Unity headquarters, Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Special Gifts for Mother's Day

In selecting gifts for Mother's Day (May 9 this year), remember that there is a wide variety of Unity literature for you to choose from. On page 88 you will find more than forty Unity books for adults listed by subject, including sections for beginners, for healing, for the home, for prosperity, for inspiration, for devotion, and for advanced study. You will want to consider especially *Letters of Myrtle Fillmore, Favorite Unity Radio Talks, Prayer Changes Things,* and the two new books announced elsewhere in this issue, *Let There Be Light* ($2) and *Peace Begins at Home. The Household of Faith,* a book telling the story of Unity ($5); the Holy Bible, Nelson Teachers' Edition of the American Standard Version ($6.50); and the *Metaphysical Bible Dictionary* for Bible students ($5) are also noteworthy gifts. *Unity Song Selections* ($1) is especially nice for one who is musically inclined. Charles Fillmore's record of "The Lord's Prayer," which plays at 78 rpm and is made of unbreakable Vinylite, is always a welcome gift.

Among the adult periodicals, UNITY, *Weekly Unity,* or *Daily Word* subscriptions will provide continual inspiration for a full year and are especially suitable as Mother's Day gifts.

"A Bouquet for Mamma"

Wee Wisdom readers will enjoy learning how Absalom Hostetter, a young boy, selected and earned a gift for his mother for Mother's Day in the story entitled "A Bouquet for Mamma." Written by Seth Harmon, this story also gives some interesting customs of the Pennsylvania-German people. "A Bouquet for Mamma" appears in the May issue of *Wee Wisdom,* Unity's Truth magazine for boys and girls (price: $2 a year for 12 issues).

"Success Is Never Foolish"

This article by Ben Michael tells how the author set out to apply the Jesus Christ principles to his contracting business. People called him "crazy" and "foolish," but his apparently foolish behavior yielded strange and wonderful results. The May issue of *Good Business* carries this interesting article. *Good Business* is Unity's magazine for business people, and a full year's subscription is only $1.

German Daily Word *Is Appreciated*

After the story of *Das tägliche Wort* (the German edition of *Daily Word)* was published in the Unity periodicals last fall, letters poured in to Frau Käthe Blenkner, who conceived the idea for the publication. She very kindly forwarded some of these letters to Unity headquarters, and we would like to share a few excerpts with you.

MISSOURI: "I have been an enthusiastic reader of Unity's *Daily Word* and was interested in the story of faith that has made it possible for this helpful and inspiring devotional magazine to go to the people of Germany. My father and mother grew up in Germany, and we have numerous relatives there. I like to remember them with some small gift, but it has become increasingly difficult to know what to send. When I read about *Das tägliche Wort,* I felt this was the answer to my problem."

NEW ZEALAND: "You may wonder at receiving a letter from so far away, but when I read about the German *Daily Word* I felt I just had to write to you to tell you how wonderful I find this story of absolute faith. I shall often think of it, and I know it will help me to keep on keeping on."

CALIFORNIA: "Because I have so greatly enjoyed this helpful magazine here, I am inclosing the money for a year's subscription for *Daily Word* in German. You will know some person who would like to receive the magazine and who will profit by the messages."

If you would like a subscription for *Das tägliche Wort,* priced at 12 DM ($3) a year, or more information about the German Unity Literature, write to Frau Käthe Blenkner, Bad Godesberg-Lannesdorf, Lindstrasse 16, Post Mehlem, Germany,

British Zone. (A bank draft should be used when sending money.)

Program Participants Number More than Half Million

Since the three phases of Unity's yearly study plan were introduced some ten years ago, more than 685,000 persons have taken part in these observances. As you probably know, the Unity Summer Demonstration Program (which is announced on the inside back cover of this magazine) is part of a three-point plan of home study that extends over an entire year.

Lessons in Truth Week, which comes the second week of September each year, is the first of these programs. At this time, those who participate make an intensive study of Unity's basic textbook *Lessons in Truth,* by H. Emilie Cady, to familiarize themselves with the principles that form the foundation of the Truth teaching.

In the spring during the Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through Easter, the Unity Lenten Program is held. At this time, Unity students read the book *Keep a True Lent,* by Charles Fillmore, and spend additional time in meditation and prayer with the thought of consecrating themselves anew to Truth.

In the summer, culminating the year's preparation, comes the Unity Summer Demonstration Program. The aim of this program this year is peace, and you will find details on the inside back cover in this issue. You are cordially invited to participate in this year's Unity Summer Demonstration Program and in the other seasonal programs in turn.

Julius La Rosa Story in You *Magazine*

Only a few years ago Julius La Rosa was an unknown lad from Brooklyn, New York. His father, who ran a radio sales and service shop, dreamed of the day when his son would enter his business. But the boy had a dream of his own, and in following it he has made his father very proud.

"Be Yourself" is the title of this story; it was written by Dena Reed and appears in the May issue of *You,* Unity's magazine for young people.

A year's subscription for *You* (price $1) will be a wonderful gift for some young person you wish to help.

AN ORPHAN REMEMBERS

Recently a Unity friend in Florida wrote this letter, which we would like to share with you:

"Inclosed is my check to cover the renewal of *Wee Wisdom* for my little friend B——. Also, I should like to subscribe for the magazine to be sent as an anonymous gift to some orphanage you may know about.

"Maybe I should explain myself a little. When I was a child in an orphanage some kind person sent *Wee Wisdom* to us. There was just the one copy, and I must have been able to see it every month over a long period of years, because when nothing else of those years seems to remain in my conscious memory there is always the memory of having grown up with *Wee Wisdom.*

"I realize the influence that *Wee Wisdom* must have had on my life and the choices I have made, even though I was not really aware of it. For this reason, I should like to pass on to other homeless and rejected little ones opportunity to find their way in a confusing world.

"It makes no difference to me where you send the gift; I know that you will be divinely guided. The orphanage where I spent my childhood no longer operates as such, so I hear; therefore, I am leaving the selection to you. Thank you very much."

You never know what far-reaching effects the *Wee Wisdom* gift subscription you send may have on the boy or girl who receives it, as this letter shows. Twelve monthly issues of *Wee Wisdom* will go to the child you wish to help for the low subscription price of $2.

UNITY SCHOOL OF CHRISTIANITY
LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

"I DEAL IN CRIME . . ."

"I deal in crime. Our firm's business has to do exclusively with the investigation of thefts and irregularities that occur in commerce and industry. Strange as it may seem, we are, in the main, very ordinary business people with everyday problems of our own. In other words, we are not the cynical individuals the pulp magazines and movies would have you visualize. It is not strange at all, therefore, that a fine, well-balanced magazine like *Good Business* is an inspiration to us.

"Frankly, I have never taken time to sing the praises of any publication, but I get so much good out of *Good Business* and look forward to receiving it so intensely that I felt obliged to write to you. I am a 'cover to cover' reader, and many times I return to articles I have already read to revive the inspiration the writer imparts. So far, there has not been a single disappointing issue, and your staff, contributing writers, and others having to do with the preparation of *Good Business* are to be congratulated."

Good Business is Unity's monthly magazine that publishes true articles telling how business people have prospered through using the Jesus Christ principles. This magazine also carries special features and departments that offer added interest and spiritual stimulation.

If you are engaged in the business of making a living, perhaps you, too, will find in *Good Business* valuable inspiration and help to meet your daily problems. A full year's subscription is only $1.

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LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

New Book for Bible Students

Unity is proud to announce the publication of the first comprehensive Unity textbook for students of the Old Testament. Entitled *Let There Be Light,* this book was written by Elizabeth Sand Turner, educational director of the Unity Training School, in response to requests from many Unity students. In *Let There Be Light,* the author brings together the fruits of her many years' intensive study of Bible history and compilations and the writings of Charles Fillmore.

In an interview the author said of her book: "To those whom I have been privileged to teach and to Unity readers everywhere who love the Bible, this book comes with my heartfelt blessing and with the sincere hope that they will find in its pages an interpretation that will give deeper understanding to their own spiritual experiences."

You will find *Let There Be Light* a real help in your study of the Old Testament. It discusses these books of the Bible as a trinity related to man's threefold nature of spirit, soul, and body, giving a wholly new dimension to many familiar passages.

Let There Be Light is a reference work; it contains more pages than the standard Unity editions, and for this reason it is priced at $2 a copy.

Bound in rich blue, *Let There Be Light* is a treasure for your Truth library, offering especially valuable aid for Correspondence School students, Training School classes, or center study-course classes. You may obtain your copy from your local Unity center or from Unity headquarters.

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LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR

God has provided everything you need for health, happiness, and prosperity. If you lack any of these blessings, you are consciously or unconsciously failing to cooperate with His laws. The way to prosperity, for instance, is through giving—of your blessings, of your substance, and of your service.

Unity's Prosperity Bank plan offers a systematic way to attune yourself to divine law. It can lead you to prosperity, just as it has others. Send for your Bank, follow the seven-week drill faithfully, and prove to yourself that His laws of prosperity work. You will also be blessing your friends by sending them UNITY, the Truth messenger that has helped you. Fill in the coupon below and mail it today.

Unity School of Christianity, Lee's Summit, Mo.

Please send me a Prosperity Bank and ask Silent Unity to pray with me for a successful demonstration. I will use the drill seven weeks and save $3 for the three UNITY magazine subscriptions (one year each) listed below:

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Announcing

THE 1954
UNITY SUMMER DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

Each year during the Unity Summer Demonstration Program, Unity students seek to put Truth principles into practice in their lives in order to demonstrate some specific good that they desire. This year's goal is peace—peace in the life of each person, and thereby peace in the world. There is much said about world peace today, but few persons realize that world peace must begin in such a small part of the world as their own homes.

Unity has long recognized the need for individual peace if world peace is to be a reality and has used the peace affirmation, "Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me."

PEACE BEGINS AT HOME

For use in this year's Summer Demonstration program Unity has published a new book by Clara Beranger entitled *Peace Begins at Home.* The material in this book was so popular and helpful when it appeared in UNITY magazine, that we are sure its help will be welcome to the many who will read the book.

Among the fourteen chapters in this book are: "Overcoming Our Common Faults," "Fear," "Envy," "Procrastination," and "The Good Fight."

Send for your copy of *Peace Begins at Home* today and take part in the Unity Summer Demonstration Program this year. The book is $1, and with it you will receive without charge the booklet *Passport to Peace,* which was prepared especially to help you in your study of *Peace Begins at Home.*

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LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI

Unto the Hills

Grace Noll Crowell

I shall keep my feet on an earthy plain
With its fields and furrows, its snows and rain;
But I lift my eyes to the steadfast hills,
Where the sky is blue and the sun's gold spills
Its color and light down the day's good length.
I lift my eyes to the hills for strength,
And though I am linked to the earth's good sod
I look to the hills for strength from God.

He made the heavens, He made the earth,
He made each beautiful thing of worth;
And strength is mine for the tasks ahead
In the earning of my good daily bread.
So I shall go on, for an unseen hand
Guides me across my tableland.